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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Dickson et al.

Serial No.: 09/396,873

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: PROTECTING SECRET DATA ENTRY FROM INFRARED AND AUDIO  
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Group Art Unit: 2134

Examiner: Christopher J. Brown

Date: March 21, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §41.39(b)(1)  
AND 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request to reopen prosecution and provide the attached reply and Amendment in support thereof pursuant to 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1) in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 23, 2005, which contained a new ground of rejection (p.3 of the Examiner's Answer).

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s) including fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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**REPLY WITH AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO REOPEN  
PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §41 .39(b)(1) and 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 23, 2005, which contained a new ground of rejection (p.3 of the Examiner's Answer).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.